

House Watch

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CONFERENCE REPORTS

[HB 5531](#)

(Gillard)

School Aid supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 287: 100 yes, 2 no]
- Vote reconsidered
- The report was adopted [RC 288: 106 yes, 0 no]

[HB 5344](#)

(Cushingberry)

Multi-departmental supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 290: 79 yes, 29 no]

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

[SB 1187](#)

(Stamas)

The bill (S-4) would revise the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) Act (MCL 207.803 & 207.805) to include tourism attraction facilities and qualified lodging facilities in the definition of "eligible business," and add a "qualified high-wage activity" to the definition of "qualified high-technology business." The act allows MEGA to enter into an agreement with an eligible business (including a high-technology business) for a credit against the Michigan business tax.

- The House concurred with the Senate substitute S-5 [RC 289: 108 yes, 0 no]

HB 5463**(Melton)**

Section 410 of the new Michigan Business Tax provides for a credit for the 2008-2012 tax years for certain stadium construction projects. House Bill 5463 would rewrite the stadium credit provision (MCL 208.1410) so that a taxpayer would be eligible for the credit if the taxpayer satisfied either (instead of both) of the following provisions: (1) Is, collectively or individually, the owner, operator, manager, licensee, lessee, or tenant of more than one facility or stadium in the state used primarily for professional sporting events or other entertainment with a capacity of at least 14,000 patrons per facility and has made a capital investment of at least \$250 million into the construction cost of a qualifying facility or stadium. (2) Is, collectively or individually, the owner, operator, manager, licensee, lessee, or tenant of more than one facility or stadium in the state used primarily for professional sporting events or other entertainment with a capacity of at least 14,000 patrons per facility and that has not received proceeds from a state appropriation, or a public bond issue, excluding a tax abatement, other waiver of a state or local tax or fee, or a state or local tax or fee from a public entity for road or infrastructure assistance.

- Bieda-2 withdrawn
- Bieda-3 withdrawn
- Bieda-4 adopted
- The House concurred with the Senate substitute S-4, as amended [RC 291: 102 yes, 5 no]

FINAL PASSAGE

HB 5383**(Brown)**

The bill, as introduced, would create a new act called the "Electric Cooperative Member-Regulation Act" that would allow the board of directors of a cooperative electric utility to elect so-called "member-regulation" with respect to (1) rates, (2) charges, (3) accounting standards, (4) billing practices, and (5) terms and conditions of service.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- Brown-2 was adopted
- HB 5383 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5383 was passed [RC 292: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5525**(Angerer)**

The bill would create the "Energy Efficient Michigan Act."

- Committee substitute H-3 not adopted
- Angerer substitute H-6 adopted
- Pavlov 2A not adopted
- HB 5525 advanced to 3rd Reading

- HB 5525 was passed [RC 303: 81 yes, 18 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5548

(Mayes)

The bills would create the "Renewable Energy Portfolio Act" to require all electric service providers (e.g. regulated utilities, municipal utilities, electricity cooperatives, and alternative energy suppliers) to produce or purchase a specified percentage of the electricity they sell to retail customers in Michigan from renewable energy resources, as defined in the bill.

- Committee substitute H-2 was not adopted
- Mayes substitute H-4 was adopted
- V. Smith 3A adopted
- Lindberg 3B adopted
- HB 5548 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5548 was passed [RC 301: 86 yes, 21 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5549

(Palsrok)

The bills would create the "Renewable Energy Portfolio Act" to require all electric service providers (e.g. regulated utilities, municipal utilities, electricity cooperatives, and alternative energy suppliers) to produce or purchase a specified percentage of the electricity they sell to retail customers in Michigan from renewable energy resources, as defined in the bill.

- Committee substitute H-1 not adopted
- Palsrok substitute H-3 adopted
- Green 2A adopted
- HB 5549 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5549 was passed [RC 299: 82 yes, 21 no]
- Vote reconsidered
- HB 5549 was passed [RC 300: 84 yes, 21 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5524

(Accavitti)

The bill would revise the Public Service Commission enabling act, including the portion known as the Customer Choice and Electricity Reliability Act, or Public Act 141 of 2000

- Committee substitute H-3 was adopted
- Accavitti-2 adopted
- Nofs-3 adopted
- HB 5524 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Motion to pass for the day defeated
- HB 5524 was passed [RC 297: 78 yes, 30 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5972**(Coulouris)**

Taken together, the bills [HB 5972 - HB 5977] would provide a credit against the Michigan Business Tax to a firm that constructs and operates a new facility for the manufacture of polycrystalline silicon for solar cells and semiconductor chips [Hemlock Semiconductor]. The credit would be based on electricity costs. The credit would be available for 12 years, from tax years 2012 through 2023. If the credit exceeded the firm's tax liability, it would be refunded to the firm or could be carried forward to offset tax liability in subsequent years, for up to 10 years. House Bill 5972 would amend the Michigan Business Tax Act (MCL 208.1101 et seq.) to allow a qualified taxpayer to claim the new credit and to provide the definitions of "guaranteed cost of electricity" and "projected cost of electricity."

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5972 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5972 was passed [RC 293: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5973**(Mayes)**

House Bill 5973 would amend the MBT Act to allow the credit for tax years 2012 through 2015.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5973 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5973 was passed [RC 294: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5974**(Brown)**

House Bill 5974 would amend the MBT Act to allow the credit for tax years 2016 through 2021.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5974 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5974 was passed [RC 295: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5975**(Ball)**

House Bill 5975 would amend the MBT Act to allow the credit for tax year 2022.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5975 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5975 was passed [RC 296: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5976**(Horn)**

House Bill 5976 would amend the MBT Act to allow the credit for tax year 2023.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5976 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5976 was passed [RC 298: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5977**(Moore)**

House Bill 5977 would amend the Michigan Economic Growth Authority Act (MCL 207.86) to authorize MEGA to issue a certificate providing the tax credit.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5977 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5977 was passed [RC 302: 105 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5898**(Moolenaar)**

MBT tax credit for research, development, and manufacturing of photovoltaic energy.

- HB 5898 was discharged from committee
- Moolenaar substitute H-2 was adopted
- HB 5898 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5898 was passed [RC 304: 99 yes, 2 no]
- IE was ordered